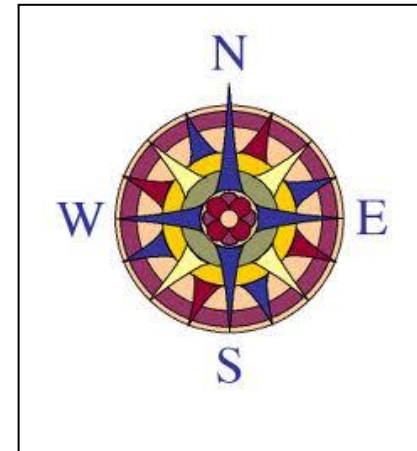




Site 06: Ryan Visitor Center

N 40° 35' 18.11"

W 73° 53' 47.74"



This remarkable structure, (currently under renovation,) known as the terminal or administration building during the historic airport era housed a restaurant, bar, shoe shine, barber shop, bathrooms, news stand, press room, phone bank, telegraph office, luggage handling, pilot dormitories, and air traffic control - all in one building. The building sits off of the original Barren Island footprint in the middle of what was Deep Creek, one of the larger creeks leading into Jamaica Bay. The building was designed to instill confidence in air travelers in a time where air travel was considered by many to be dangerous and unreliable. Indeed, the amenities and formalism of the structure from its "Art Deco" geometric patterns and other formal architectural features were decidedly stylish and elegant. The 1930's air traveler would find air travel from Floyd Bennett Field as luxurious as that of a train or cruise ship.

Visit Instructions: Note the number of ramps leading from the lower level of the building. These ramps allowed for curbside offloading into the lower level of the terminal and for on-loading directly onto the aircraft not far from where you stand.